Department of
Parks and Wildlife

Walyunga National Park
Park guide

Walyunga National Park lies in the Darling Range, just behind the Darling Scarp, and covers both sides of a steep valley. The park is known for abundant native animals, rugged valley scenery and sensational wildflowers in winter and spring. There is plenty of parking at the main picnic sites, as well as gas barbecues. A vehicle entrance fee is payable and camping is available but prior arrangement with the ranger is required.

Walyunga National Park is almost 1,800 hectares in size. Just to the east of the park in the picturesque Avon Valley, the Avon River joins the Brockman River to form the Swan River. The river runs through the centre of the park, forming a string of placid pools along the valley floor in summer, and a raging torrent with long series of rapids in winter. The latter provides one of Australia's best white water canoeing courses and is part of the annual Avon Descent race each August.

Outcrops of grey granite and occasional areas of darker dolerite can be seen along the valley sides, and water–worn boulders of both rock types lie in the stream bed. Red laterite caps the hill tops.

Walyunga National Park is steeped with cultural significance and contains one of the largest known Aboriginal camp sites within close proximity to Perth. This site was still used by the Nyoongar people in the late 1800s. Archaeological evidence suggests that the area has been used by Aboriginal people for more than 40,000 years.

Park hours

The park is open between 8am and 5pm daily.

Entry fees

Entry fees apply.

Facilities

The park has two main picnic sites – Walyunga Pool and Boongarup Pool, both of which have gas barbecues that may be used free of charge. Shaded picnic tables, toilets and recycling bins are located at both sites.

Universal access

Walyunga Pool provides very good access, including car parks, toilets and ramps leading to picnic areas. Picnic tables and barbecues are also accessible. Boongarup Pool has limited access.

For more detailed information on access, please visit the Access WA website at www.accesswa.com.au.

How to get there

Walyunga National Park is about 40 kilometres north-east of Perth, and 20 kilometres north of Midland along the Great Northern Highway. It takes approximately one hour to reach from the city, via the Great Northern Highway and Walyunga Road. The park is well signposted and entry is off Walyunga Road.

Best time to visit

Autumn, winter and spring.

What to do

Bushwalking, canoeing, picnicking, birdwatching and camping (by arrangement with the ranger).

Walk trails

Walk trails within the park include:

- Walyunga Heritage Trail – an easy 1.6km, 1-hour return walk.
- Syds Rapids Trail – From Boongarup Pool is an easy 3.5km, 1-and-a-half hour return walk along the Avon River.
- Kangaroo Trail – a moderate 4km, 2-hour loop trail.
- Kingfisher Trail – a moderate 6km, 3-hour loop trail.
- Echidna Trail – a moderately difficult 11km, 5-hour loop trail.

On–site information

Park rangers. Trail information for walks are located at Walyunga and Boongarup Pool.

Important note: The park may be closed at short notice due to fire risk or other emergency conditions.
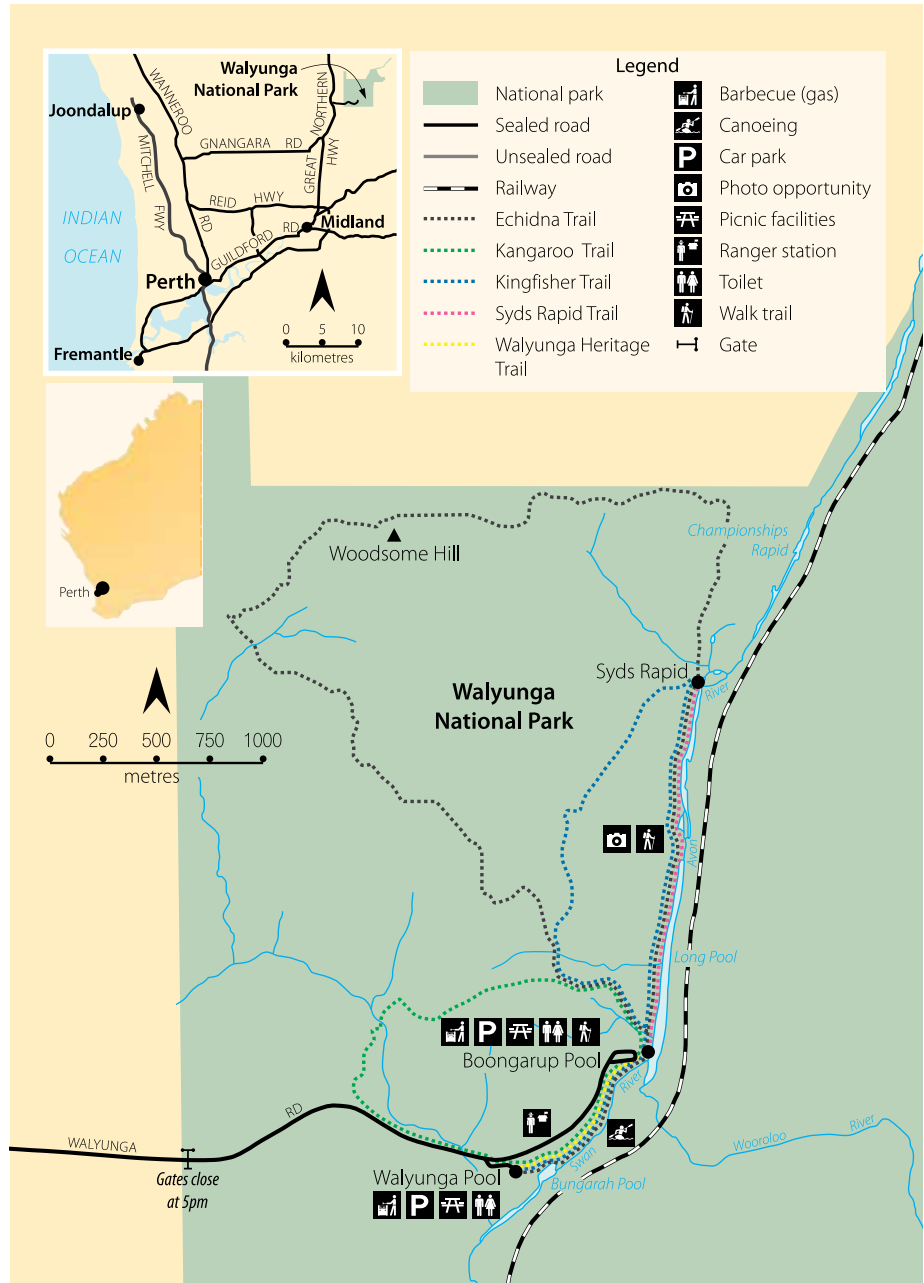
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Visitor safety

To ensure your safety while in the park:

- stay on tracks and paths
- remember that your safety in natural areas is our concern but your responsibility.

The park contains many rapids and risk areas. Extreme caution must be taken.

Caring for the park

- Please do not feed the kangaroos or other animals. They can become very ill from eating unsuitable food.
- Pets are not allowed in the park.
- The removal of flora and fauna is prohibited.
- All Aboriginal sites within Western Australia are protected by law. Leave artefacts where you find them.

Legend

National park		Barbecue (gas)	
Sealed road		Canoeing	
Unsealed road		Car park	
Railway		Photo opportunity	
Echidna Trail		Picnic facilities	
Kangaroo Trail		Ranger station	
Kingfisher Trail		Toilet	
Syds Rapid Trail		Walk trail	
Walyunga Heritage Trail		Gate	

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Joondalup

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Fremantle

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WANNEROO RD · MITCHELL FWY · GNANGARA RD · REID HWY · GUILDFORD RD · GREAT NORTHERN HWY

0 5 10 kilometres

0 250 500 750 1000 metres

Woodsome Hill

Championships Rapid

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Syds Rapid

Long Pool

Boongarup Pool

WALYUNGA RD

Gates close at 5pm

Walyunga Pool

Bungarah Pool

Wooroloo River

Swan River